

## **Manifesto: Brazil – a country for everyone**

What country do we want for all of us?

Our anguish is the same. We dream of a country with a strong and stable economy, that fights corruption and, above all, a country that is democratic and socially fair for the whole Brazilian population.

We believe in the joint construction of the future. We uphold respect for human rights, as described in the 1948 UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, fully [available here](#). We believe in equality of opportunities and protection of underrepresented groups: women, black people, LGBTI+, people with disabilities, indigenous populations and quilombolas<sup>1</sup>. We believe in democracy; we believe in listening to each other; we believe in mutual respect, and we believe in healthy debates of ideas. We believe in the freedom to be and to express ourselves in the world, without any discrimination. We also believe in a country that fights for the preservation of the environment, a country that has an economic development based on sustainability and a country that protects the biomes and species of fauna and flora. We want a country that does incite neither hatred; symbolic or physical violence, or censorship.

On the opposite way of a country that is more and more divided and polarized, we defend dialogue as a way of overcoming differences. We dream of having people and institutions together that are committed to ethics, democracy and human rights. Therefore, we reject violence, fear, and authoritarianism.

Brazil is still marked by its recent dictatorial past, a past that was overcome by the union of its population, which urged for democracy. The 1988 Constitution - our greatest commitment to the Democratic State with Rule of Law - was written with popular participation in the construction of a common future that respects our diversity and is conscious of our contradictions. Since then, citizens, civil society organizations, corporations, movements and leaderships have worked hard to implement the goals listed in the Constitution - each with its own guidelines and priorities. Nowadays, it is necessary that we join together to support the goals listed in the Constitution, reaffirming our commitment to Brazil.

We want to recover a common aspiration that allows the dialogue between different democratic views of the world, regardless of belonging to left-wing or right-wing. We talk about people and how we can, regardless of who our next president will be, protect Brazil's greatest treasure: its diversity. We want to ensure that the Constitution is respected, especially Article 5, and the fundamental rights contained therein.

In Article 5 of our Constitution, you can find the motto "Brazil for all". A movement that aims to bring together different actors of civil society around ten commitments. We believe that by working together we can build the country we dream of – for now and for the future.

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<sup>1</sup> Quilombola is a resident of a *quilombo* Brazil. The term *Quilombola* refers to the descendents of Afro-Brazilian slaves who escaped from slavery until its abolition in 1888.

Change begins with us all

Sign it and fight for a better country for everyone.

### **Commitments of signatories**

1. To fight for democracy, for the respect to the Federal Constitution and the international agreements signed by Brazil and for the right to vote;
2. To respect the UN Declaration of Human Rights and to implement its articles in every action of the day to day life;
3. To value diversity by advocating equal opportunities and protecting underrepresented groups, such as women, black people, LGBTI+ (mainly transgender people), people with disabilities, neurodivergent people, indigenous peoples, quilombolas, and others;
4. To fight and to position themselves against measures that result in the maintenance or increase of economic, social or legal inequality;
5. To respect different opinions and freedom of speech and in artistic and cultural manifestations, without giving rise to discrimination, disrespect or hatred;
6. To press the responsible bodies to investigate and hold those who incite hatred or commit discrimination/violence;
7. To foster sustainable development, respecting and preserving the environment, without endangering natural resources or biodiversity;
8. To defend and encourage scientific development in the country by investing in education and knowledge;
9. To fight the dissemination of fake news and to value transparent and uncensored communication;
10. To establish dialogue with the signatory institutions and propose collective actions to honor all the above-mentioned commitments.

Please contact [info@todxs.org](mailto:info@todxs.org) to sign the Manifesto